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SUBJECT: MONTREAL MEDIA REACTION NATO SUMMIT

1. MONTREAL'S PRESS DREW HEAVILY ON COMMUNIQUE TO SUM UP NATO MEETING, WITH HEADLINES VARYING BETWEEN DEFENSE COSTS AND REACTION TO CONFLICT IN AFRICA. FOR MOST, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WAS SEEN AS "MODERATING INFLUENCE" ON THE ALLIES TOWARD AFRICA.

2. LA PRESSE USED ITS OWN CORRESPONDENT TO SUMMARIZE COMMUNIQUE WHILE LE DEVOIR FORCED TO RELY ON REUTER AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE. ACCOUNTS APPEAR COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, AND ARE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED.

3. BOTH LA PRESSE AND MONTREAL STAR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS BYLINE TRUDEAU INTERVIEW, CANADIAN PRESS BRIEFING. LA PRESSE HEADLINES IT IS, "TRUDEAU MORE CONCILIATORY THAN CARTER." MONTREAL STAR PUTS IT, "CANADA TALKS MODERATION AT HAWKISH NATO SUMMIT."

4. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT TODATE APPEARS IN LA PRESSE. WRITER SPECULATES THAT FOR TACTICAL REASONS SOVIETS TRYING TO INTIMIDATE CERTAIN NATO MEMBERS WHILE U.S. TRYING TO REASSURE ITS ALLIES.

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